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Public Service Commission Docket 2020-229-E,

As a passionate advocate of solar energy, I want to object to Dominion Energy's proposal for changes to their Consumer Solar tariff structure. The changes Dominion proposes would unreasonably affect the payback for customer solar systems contrary to the intentions the Solar Choice Energy Freedom Act 62 to "build upon the successful deployment of solar generating capacity". This proposal would lead to the "disruption of the growing market for customer scale distributed energy resources" contrary to the Act.

The newly proposed tariff would apply to both new and existing customers (in time) taking away the financial incentive to install a system. Under the newly proposed tariff a 7 kW system would only reach breakeven after around 25 years, the normal lifetime of a consumer solar system. The larger the system the bigger the penalty compared to the current net-metering tariffs.

By applying to existing consumer solar customers it would undermine confidence in the entire decision process for installation of a system further crippling the industry. I also believe that approval of this proposal will allow all of the SC State power providers to follow the same destructive path.

Finally, I believe it is contrary to the intent of avoided cost calculations to only consider embedded generation costs as it does not include transmission and distribution costs or other benefits including the value of distributed generation.

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